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My dear D'Souza,

The present situation in respect of the Marimalleppa's High School is very unsatisfactory and cannot be prolonged without serious injury to the interests both of the School and the Departmental administration. It will be recalled that the -- Trust Board gave notice to the Head Master terminating his -- service as from the 1st of this month and requested the Department to depute one of its officers to act as Head Master. The Department acceded to this request and sent up proposals to - Government which were very kindly sanctioned. Orders were - issued on the 23rd August 1918 from this office placing Mr. K. Krishna Rao, B.A., L.T., on deputation and directing him to report himself for duty to Mr. Denham, the President of the - Trust Board. When this was communicated to Mr. Denham, he wrote requesting the Department to hold the order in abeyance as the District Judge had issued an injunction prohibiting the Trust Board from giving effect to ~~it~~ its proceedings until further - orders were passed, though apparently there was no objection taken to the notice of 3 months previously given. The Department has no control over nor has it any concern with the considerations that may have tended in this direction, but as an executive organ of the State it cannot tolerate the indefinite prolongation of the tenure of the present Head Master as it is highly detrimental to the efficiency of the School and productive also of further disadvantages of too grave a character to be ignored. The Trust Board has pronounced that his further retention in the service was undesirable. The Department and Government in their several ways by recommending and sanctioning the deputation of a departmental official endorsed the -

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view and committed themselves to a course of action from which they cannot be deflected without impairment of prestige. The Department further issued orders to the officer selected, which must be made effective if it is not to lose ground in public estimation. The Trust Board was revised after a long period of inactivity and it is the clear duty of the Department to strengthen its hands and give it every support so that it may establish itself as the de facto authority - over the school which it has always been dejure. If its - very first action is frustrated, which on educational grounds must be considered to be wise and necessary, it would be tantamount to depriving it of all power to do good and useful - work. In addition, as mentioned above, the Department has - committed itself by its proposals and orders. It is impossible, therefore, for the Department to allow this state of things to continue.

It has come to the notice of the Department that the students of the Marimallappa's High School have petitioned the District Court to have the composition of the Trust Board altered, which shows how discipline is disappearing in that -- school. The immediate retirement of the present Head Master according to the original arrangements made by the Trust Board and approved by the Department and Government seems, therefore, to be indispensable both from the point of view of teaching efficiency and the general tone of the School. With a Head Master ordered to be retired and holding on by a disputed tenure, the tone of the school is bound to be badly affected.

I, therefore, cannot be further responsible for the sound conduct of the institution without having recourse to the expedient of withdrawing the grant as from the date of the - order and during the continuance of Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya as Head Master unless he is immediately retired. This is the course

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course clearly dictated by duty and which I propose to take and then report to Government for ratification. But before doing so, I am submitting this to Government to keep them - informed of the situation and give myself the benefit of - ~~having~~ any special instructions which they may deem necessary ~~conveyed to me.~~ I beg that the matter may be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours sincerely,

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